GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:232
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POLIO ERADICATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Polio cases detected in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the reasons for increase in the number of Polio Patients in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(d) whether any meeting of senior officers of Union Government and various State Governments has been held recently in this regard;

(e) if so, the outcome of such meeting; and

(f) the remedial measures taken by the Government for total eradication of Polio from the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 232 FOR 4.12.2002I

(a)&(b): The number of polio cases detected in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise are annexed.

(c) The reasons for increase in the number of polio cases in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, are as under:-

(1) 10 to 15% children are being missed in each round resulting in sustained tranmission of Polio virus in the community.

(2) Poor coverage under routine immunization.

(d)&(e): The Governement has taken due note of the polio situation in Uttar Pradesh. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh has been addressed urging the State Government to take all possible measures to stem the polio cases in the State. Minister of Health & Family Welfare has also met Chief Minister, U.P. at Lucknow recently along with senior officers and held detailed discussions with her and the State`s senior officers on polio situation. She promised to leave no stone unturned to ensure best possible implementation of the polio eradication programme in the State.

(f) Following special measures have been taken with special reference to the States where large number of polio cases have been detected:-

(i) In order to improve the detection and vaccination of missed children, the house-to-house vaccination teams have been strengthened with the addition of third member from local community.

(ii) The community mobilisers have been engaged for improving the implementation of the programme in resistant areas.

(iii) House-to-house vaccination of missed children is being done for five days after the booth day as against two days in other parts of the country.

(iv) Additional IEC activities are being conducted.

(v) The implementation of the programme is being closely monitored at the apex political and bureaucratic levels both in the Government of India as also in the States.

(vi) Local influencers/social and religious leaders are being involved for advocacy and ensuring greater participation of the people in the programme.

(vii) One Surveillance Medical Officer has been posted in each district in order to help the States in ensuring better monitoring and supervision.

ANNEXURE

POLIO CASES FOR 2000 TO 2002 (UPTO 29.11.2002)

NAME OF THE

NO.	STATE/UT	00	01	02
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	0
2	A & N ISLANDS	0	0	0
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0
4	ASSAM	0	1	0
5	BIHAR	50	27	81
6	CHANDIGARH	1	0	0
7	CHHATTISGARH	-	0	1
8	D & N HAVELI	0	0	0
9	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0
10	DELHI	3	3	24
11	GOA	0	0	0
12	GUJRAT	2	1	18
13	HARYANA	4	5	12
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0
15	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	0	1
16	JHARKHAND	-	2	10
17	KARNATAKA	8	0	0
18	KERALA	1	0	0
19	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0
20	MADHYA PRADESH	2	0	11
21	MAHARASHTRA	7	4	4
22	MANIPUR	0	0	0
23	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0
24	MIZORAM	0	0	0
25	NAGALAND	0	0	0
26	ORISSA	0	0	2
27	PONDICHERRY	0	0	0
28	PUNJAB	0	5	0
29	RAJASTHAN	0	0	8
30	SIKKIM	0	0	0
31	TAMIL NADU	0	0	0
32	TRIPURA	0	0	0
33	UTTARANCHAL	-	3	11
34	UTTAR PRADESH	179	216	947
35	WEST BENGAL	8	1	33
TOTAL		265	268	1163